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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT : MILITARY REDUCTIONS

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1. DURING THE COURSE OF MY COURTESY CALL ON NEW PREMIER Y. S. SUN, THE SUBJECT OF MILITARY REDUCTIONS AROSE. I SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN A RELATIVELY STEADY REDUCTION OVER THE YEARS IN THE U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE ON TAIWAN, AND THIS REDUCTION IS CONTINUING. AS NEWSPAPER ARTICLES OVER THE WEEKEND INDICATED, THE CURRENT NUMBER OF AMERICAN MILITARY WAS ABOUT 1,000, AND WE EXPECT A REDUCTION OF SOMETHING UNDER 40 PERCENT TO TAKE PLACE BY EARLY FALL. I NOTED THAT THE SUMMER WAS A LOGICAL TIME FOR ROUTINE REDUCTIONS BECAUSE IT IS THE NORMAL PERIOD FOR TRANSFERS OF PERSONS WITH FAMILIES.

2. THE PREMIER ASKED WHETHER MILITARY REDUCTIONS WERE THE RESULT OF DR. BRZEZINSKI'S VISIT TO PEKING. I
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RESPONDED THAT THERE WAS NO CONNECTION. THE REDUCTIONS HAVE BEEN GOING ON OVER A PERIOD OF YEARS, PARTICULARLY SINCE 1973, AND THEY ARE CONTINUING AS WE SAID THEY WOULD IN THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE.

3. VICE FOREIGN MINISTERSFH' IEN FUTOOK CAREFUL NOTES, AND I BELIEVE THE PRIME MINISTER WILL MAKE AN ACCURATE

REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT. UNGER

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